

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Luke 24



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

EMMAUS

RESURRECTION

ENCOUNTER

COMMUNION

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Sit together at the family table. Join hands and take a few minutes for silent prayer. After this time has passed, each person can offer a prayer or thanks to God aloud. When you end your prayer, squeeze the hand of the person on your left as a signal for his or her turn. The last person can conclude with something like this: **God, we give you thanks for the many ways in which you bless us. We especially thank you for coming to earth, dying, and rising so we can have eternal life. Amen**

TALK TIME

- Have you ever thought something was too good to be true, but once you realized that it was true, you'd never be the same again? If so, what was it? Perhaps it was an event from your childhood.
- Read the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus (found in Luke 24) aloud together as a family. If you were a disciple, how would you feel when you left Jerusalem? How is this different from how you felt when you left Emmaus? How was it possible that the disciples did not recognize Jesus? Why is it so important that Jesus didn't stay dead?
- *The Lutheran Handbook* shows us "How to Receive Communion" on pages 36-40. Take a look at these pages together. What are some things you already knew about the Sacrament of Holy Communion? What did you learn from these pages? How often does your congregation celebrate Communion, and how often do you participate? How do you "encounter" Jesus through this sacrament?



WEB TIME

Go to www.elca.org/questions and search for "resurrection." Find information regarding what Lutherans believe about Jesus' resurrection. Then use an Internet search engine to search for "Jesus' resurrection" and find out what other groups of people believe about this. What are the similarities and differences?

RITUAL TIME

Invite another family to your home for supper. Find ways to engage these people in a conversation about Jesus—perhaps by having a prayer or devotion before supper or by talking about your church involvement or faith. This is an easy way to make Jesus known to others "in the breaking of bread."